REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of

the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims

1-10 are allowed and that claim 11 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 USC 101

rejection. Claim 11 has been amended so as to tie the claimed subject matter to a statutory

category (i.e., an apparatus) and thereby overcome the 35 USC 101 rejection.

The abstract has been amended to overcome the objection thereto.

The specification has been amended in the manner suggested in the Office Action for

overcoming the applied objection. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the

amendment

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and

a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the

Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone

number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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